



July 21, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Aiken County, South Carolina, sits near the Georgia border. We are a diverse community that is also home to a wide variety of employers, particularly in the areas of chemicals, plastics, automotive technology, and hydrogen-based technology. Companies in our region include Bridgestone America's Tire Operations, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Tognum, and the Savannah River Site, a facility owned by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Other companies here include PACTIV Corporation, Shaw Industries, Rieter Automotive North America, ASCO Valve Manufacturing, Hubbell Power Systems, and Newman Technologies.

Many areas of Aiken County are rural, so access to the latest technology can often mean the difference between keeping a big local employer – or watching them relocate because they cannot use the tools needed to get their orders out the door. This is particularly true when it comes to telecommunications solutions powered by high-speed wireless Internet connections.

It is critically important that the Federal Communications Commission approve the pending merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. The merger would bring wireless broadband to 55 million more Americans and throw a 21<sup>st</sup> Century lifeline to rural communities, such as we have here in Aiken County.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. David Jameson".

J. David Jameson  
President and CEO

cc: U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham  
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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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